Movement of Merchandise Rather Quiet Last Week.

IT IS THE SEASON FOR COMPARISONS

Values on Practically All Classes of Merchandise Show Large Gains as Compared with a Year Ago-Jobbers All Well Pleased.

The full which usually follows the rush of trade previous to Christmas was experianced in this last week by both jobers and retailers. Jobbers especially had a quiet time, as most of their traveling Condition of Trade and Quotations on men were in and consequently very few orders were received. They had, however, time of year when they change stocks and

The many have been received. They will have been stated with the property of t makes its present selling price \$4.10, as compared with \$1.50 in 1838 and \$2.30 in 1832. The advance in plan wire has also been heavy, but not equal to that on barb wire. The present market value is \$5.70 and in 1838 it was selling at \$1.65 and in 1802 at \$2.25. These are perhaps as good examples as can be given of the almost sensational advances in hardware during the lost year. Pollowing are a few cases where prices in 1892 were high, as compured with present quotations: Screws of a certain size that are now selling at 20 cents were worth 21 cents a year ago and \$1.08 in 1892. A particular size and grade of the rooting, now worth \$12.50, sold for \$1 ayear ago and for \$13.50 in 1892. Locks that are selling now at \$1.25 were quoted at \$1.10 in 1892 and \$1.75 in 1892. Any number of cases of this kind might be given, but the idea which jobbers wish to express is that values at the present time are not on the average as high as they were before the period of depression. The claim is made also that the advances of the last year are perfectly natural and are brought about by the law of supply and defining in made also that the advances of the last year are perfectly natural and are brought about by the law of supply and defining a particular the market is in a good, healthy condition and express the greatest confidence in it for the coming year.

Grocery Market Higher.

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The greery market lis in the same position it was in a week ago, no changes whatever having taken place. As is usually the case at this season trade is onlet, but a good run of business is expected for next week and from then on. Local jobbers speak very favorably of the showing made during the present year and say that they have done 25 per cent more business than last year. The market on most lines has averaged up considerably higher than it did a year ago, though some lines, such as oatmend and caffee, are lower. It is thought, however, that the market as a whole is 10% 15 per cent higher for the year.

Thread Goes Higher.

The only event of Importance last week on the dry goods market was the sharp advance in threads. Notices of a 10-cent advance were received from both Coats and Clarke, which makes the selling brice for jobbers 55 cents. Dry goods jobbers, the same as other wholesalers, did very little business last week. They made use of the opportunity to pack away unseasonable goods and to get the spring lines in shape. Among the shipments of spring goods received last week was a big consignment of imported laces. Local jobbers are counting on a big spring trade and say they are going to have the best and largest assort ment they have ever carried.

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It is a difficult matter to compare present prices with Close of a year ago, as there prices with Close of a year ago, as there are so many different lines and grades, but jobbers say it is safe to call the market all the way from 5/20 per cent higher than it was a year ago.

Hather Quiet at Present.

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Boot and shoe men call trade quiet just at present, but are looking for a good, brisk demand to set in after the first of the year. Retailers' stocks are getting broken up and duplicate orders should begin to come in rapidly. It is the same story of higher prices on leather goods the same as on practically all other lines. The cheaper grades of shoes, jobbers say, are 25 per cent higher than they were a year ago, while the better grades are only about 19 per cent higher. The advance, of course, is brought about largely by the increased cost in hides, but also by the enormous demand for leather goods.

Rubber goods men say they are receiving almost no orders at all, but the present cold weather is giving rotaliers a good trade in arctics and such lines, which will in time react on the jobbers. Rubber goods are also higher than they were a year ago. A conservative estimate places the advance at not far from 12 per cent, taking all lines into consideration.

Fruit and Produce.

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There was very little demand last week for the lines handled by fruit and produce men. Grocers seemed to have enough left over from Christmas to supply what little trade they had and consequently bought abmost nothing at all. There was some little demand for paulity, but dealers had hard work in disposing of what they carried over from Christmas, to say nothing of handling the fresh receipts. The only feature to the general trade in fruit and vesetables was its lack of activity and consequently little need be said.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Receipts. 14,244 bbis.; exports, 9.381 bbls.; sales, 2,000 pkgs.; inactive and nominally unchanged; Minnesota patents, \$3.8094.05; Minnesota Minnesota patents \$3.5094.05; Minnesota bakers, \$2.5092.10; winter patents, \$2.5092.10; winter patents, \$2.5092.15; winter straights \$3.5592.45; winter straights \$3.5592.45; winter straights \$3.5592.45; winter straights \$3.5592.45; Rye flour, steady; saies, 200 bbis.; fair to good, \$3.1092.25; choice to fancy, \$3.3592.50; Bnekwheat flour, quiet at \$2.1092.50; CORNMEAL-Duil; yellow western, \$20; Sity, Toe Brandywine, \$2.2592.35; RYE-Quiet, No. 2 western, 60%,c, f. o. b., afloat, state, 55c c. i. f., New York, car lots, BARLEY-Quiet; feeding, 43%,c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 48933c, c. i. f., New York, malting, 48933c, c. i. f., New York, BARLEY-MALT-Duil; western, 55955c.

York.

BARLEY MALT Dull: western, 55:05c.

WHEAT-Receipts \$7.785 bn; sales, 280,000
bu futures and 100,000 bu spot. Spot. firm:
No. 2 red. 75c, 6, 6, b. affeat; No. 1 northern,
Duluth, 79 c, f. c, b. affeat; No. 1 northern,
Duluth, 79 c, f. c, b. affeat; property of a capacity
and unchanged on reports of export business to Lisbon, thus offsetting the slight
Liverpool decline. Speculation was of
course, very light all day. Although exceedingly cold weather prevailed over winter
states there was no apprehension over crop
matters. World's shipments were expected
to be a shade larger than last year. Later states there was no apprehension over crop matters. World's shipments were expected to be a shade ingree than last year. Later the market improved on covering and closed firm at back, advance. Sales included No. 2 red. March. Testropic, closed at Toko; May 74 arrie, closed at Tok July 74 ac. CORN-Receipts, 41,25 but exports a 114 but; sales, 10,00 hm, spot. Spot. steady, No. 2, 40 ac. f. q. b., affect, and 25 ac. devator. Options opened dull but steady with wheat and on cubles, in face of liberal receipts at Chicago; ruisd slow and featureless all day closing steady and unchanged. May closed at 38c.

OATS-Receipts, 56,500 bm; exports, 200 u. Spot, dull; No. 2, 25c; No. 3, 25 c; No. white, 31c; No. 3 white, 30c; track mixed

Pacific const, 1896 crop, 4896; 1898 crop, 749 Sc; 1899 crop, 12814c. HIDES-Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs. LEATHER Steady, hamlock sale, Buchas yes, light to heavy weights, 150:301-c; acid.

PROVISIONS—herf, dull; family, \$12.500 PROVISIONS—herf, dull; family, \$12.500 and \$10.50 peef hams, \$22.50023.00 each tames, \$22.50023.00 each tames, \$22.50023.00 each tames, quiet; pickied believe, \$2.5007.20 pickied shoulders, \$5.50 pickied shoulders, \$5.50 pickied believe, \$5.50 each stranged, \$5.50 each stranged, \$5.50 each stranged, \$5.50 each pound, \$5.30 pickied buth America, \$5.50 each pound, \$5.30 pickied, \$5.50 pickied

rettle, good to choice, Soc. choice, Engleto, FREIGHTS To Liverpool, quiet, cotton s steam, Ed. nominal, grain by steam, Ed. METALS—The brokers price for lead is 4.65 and for copper \$16.50

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS-Receipts light; fresh stock, 18c.

DRESSED FOULTRY - Choice to fancy lower. turkeys \$650'4c; ducks, 60'7c; geese, 7'49'8c; A microscopic comparison of yesterday's

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

TREES-5-ft., per doz., \$2; 5 to 8-ft., per doz., \$2.50; 7 to 9-ft., per doz., \$2.50; 8 to 11-ft., per doz., \$4.50; extra large sizes, 12 to 24-ft., \$2.9024.59.

HOLLY BRANCHES-Per case of about 60 bs., \$4.5095.00; per bbl., \$1.5021.75.

MISTLETOE BRANCHES-Per b., 20c; per 25-lb. box, \$3.75; wreathing, 20 yds., 75c,

St. Louis Grain and Provisions. St. Louis, Orain and Provisions,
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Higher;
No. 2 red, cash, elevator, e9c; track, 71½6;
72c; December, 69c; May, 71½c; July, 687%c;
No. 2 hard, 61½666c, Receipts, 10,500 bu,
CORN—Firm; No. 2 cash, 20½c; track,
31½c; December, 30½c; May, 31½c; No. 2 white,
25½6656.

CORNMEAL \$1.70@1.75.
BRAN-Firm; sacked, east track, 63@64c.
HAY — Steady timothy, \$10.00@11.50;
prairic, \$7.50@8.50.

prairie, \$7.5068.50.
WHISKY—Steady at \$1.23½.
COTTONTIES—\$1.05.
BAGGING—5%,006.
HEMP TWINE—9.
METALS—Lead, strong at \$1.05. Spelter,
dull at \$1.40.

dull at \$1.40.

POULTRY-Firm; chickens, 6½c; turkeys, 9c; ducks, 6040½c; geese, 5½c.

PROVISIONS-Dry sait (boxed) meats, extra shorts, \$5.50; clear ribs, \$5.2½; clear sides, \$5.87½. Bacon, extra shorts, \$6.00; clear ribs, \$6.25; clear sides, \$6.37½. Pork, steady; jobbing, \$9.50 for old and \$11.00 for new. Lard, quiet; prime steam, \$5.32½; choice, \$5.35. choice, \$5.35.

RECERPTS—Flour, 7,600 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu; corn, 44,000 bu; oats, 25,000 bu,
SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat,
29,000 bu; corn, 31,000 bu; oats, 15,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 California, steady, 6s 2½46068 3d; No. 2 red, western winter, 5s 10d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 1½d; futures quie; March, 5s 11d; May, 5s 10½d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, 3s 3½d; futures steady; January, 3s 5½d; February, 3s 5½d; March, 3s 5½d; February, 3s 5½d; March, 3s 5½d.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 5d.

FLOUR—St. Louis, fancy winter, firm, 7s. HOPS—At Lendon, Pacific coast, firm, £3 10s £4 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; extra India

OATS-Recaipts. \$6.500 bu.; exports. 205
bu. Spot. dull. No. 2, 25c, No. 3, 28thc; No.
2 white, sic. No. 3 white, 30c, track mixed
western, 29720 hc; track white, 31914 hc. Opthous, dull.
HAY-Quiet; shipping, 65275c; good to
choice, 86285c
HOPS-Dull, state, common to choice, 1836
crop, 6c; 1838 crop, 7928; 1839 crop, 12374c;
asked, March, \$6.65.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat, Corn and Oats Close at a Shade Higher Prices.

COLDER WEATHER HAS ITS INFLUENCE

Shorts Do a Bit of Covering, Leaving the Old Year with Accounts Evened Up-Provisions Easier.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—There was less than an hour's business in any of the markets today. The cold weather and a slight improvement in the cash demand steaded Mailing procured wheat Markets wheat Markets when the cash demand steaded Mailing procured to the cash demand steaded to the cash demand stead wheat, May closing at a shade gain over yesterday, Corn closed a stade and oats to better and provisions unchanged to Pac Timplate

Bugar

spring chickens. 62604c; hens, 5c; roosters, final figures for May wheat with the initial Colorado Fuel

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
·Wheat	65%			65%	
Dec. May	1001/07/4			69344214	
July	69% 20%	70		69%/270	
·Corn-	1957/8/25/76	200	-3700		
Dec.	3638	30%	30%	30%	301
Jan.	301487			30% (0.14)	30% or
May	32%	327	32%	32% fr 5s	394.3
*Oats-	marc	0.00	001	2214	1919
Dec.	221/8	2214	00 S / 62 S	23% (178	995 573
May	235,925	2078	TO 28 (17.24	20 24 (S-28	min 18/04
Pork-	10 0714	10.10	10:0716	10 10	10 121
Jan. May	10 4254		10 40	10 45	10 474
Lard-	UNIX EEGE	200	10000	1	1
Jan.	5 621	5 65	5 6236		5 674
May	5 80	5 8214	5 80	5 821/2	5 821
Ribs-	1	S12.41			e ar
Jan.	5 35			5 3716	
May	5 50	5 55	5 50	5 5214	5 55

Place | December | 30% c | May | 314@31% c | May | 5 50 | 5 55 | 5 50 | 5 52½ | 5 55 | Colorado | So. | 604 Amer. Matting | OATS - Firm: No. 2 cash | 23½ c | track | 24c | December | 23½ c | May | 24% c | No. 2 | white | 25½ 626 | RYE - Nominal | at 53c | FLOUR - Steady | winter patents | \$3.40@3.50 | Del. & Hudson | 18 | do | pfd. | Del. L. & W. | 17 | Amer. Spirits | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | SEEDS - Timothy | \$2.00@2.35 | Flaxseed, nominal | \$1.44 | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Del. & R. G. | 18½ | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Del. & R. G. | 18½ | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Del. & R. G. | 18½ | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Del. & R. G. | 18½ | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Straights | \$3.90@4.60 | spring patents | \$3.90@3.55 | do | pfd. | Del. & R. G. | Big | Del. & R. G. | B

674,6684c.
CORN—No. 2, 203,4031c; No. 2 yellow, 2114c.
OATS—No. 2, 223,40225,c; No. 2 white, 244,
6254;c; No. 3 white, 244,6024%c.
RYE—No. 2, 529524;c.
BARLEY—No. 2, 35643c.
SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.494;; northwest,
\$1.494; prime timothy, \$2.524,602.55; clover,
\$5.0668.06.

\$5.00098.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$8.9000

10.15. Lard, per 100 lbs., \$5.2505.65. Short ribs sides (loose), \$5.2505.45. Dry saited shoulders (boxed), \$5.35005.50. Short clear sides (boxed), \$5.30005.50. Short clear sides (boxed), \$5.3 Receipts, Shipm'ts 22,000 22,000 79,000 84,000 Articles.

| 22,009 | No. Folk & W. | 184,000 | No. Pacific | 185,000 | do. pfd | 23,001 | No. Pacific | 185,000 | do. pfd | 24,000 | Ontario & W. | 164,000 | Ore. Ry. & Nav. | the but | do. pfd | 185,000 | Ontario & W. | 166,25c; | Pennsylvania | 186,166,25c; | Pennsylvania | 186,166,2 Articles 22,000
Wheat, bu 79,000
Corn, bu 292,000
Oats, bu 223,000
Rye, bu 5,000
Barley, bu 66,000

Produce.

Simulation and the control of the control

run for the bargains and renewed short selling at the recovered high level.

The following table will give an idea of the speculative movement in the stock market during the last year and will account for the wide vibrations of the legal requirements.

Boston Stock Quotations.

for the barglins

(ng at the reprovered high to the following table will give an a speculative movement in the stock arket during the last year and will are found for the wide vibrations of the last two weeks in the attempts to find the equilibrium of the true values These stocks have been selected in which variations have been widest, but generally speaking they are stocks in which transactions have been market. In the column headed "About Jain" and they are representative of the market. In the column headed "About Jain" are the first or listing price of the stocks floated during the year.

Low in About High Panic Jan 2.

Brooklyn Transit 15 Cl 734, Boston & Albourg Min. Co. 24 Albourg Min. Co. 24 Albourg Min. Co. 25 Albourg Min. Co. 25 Albourg Min. Co. 25 Albourg Min. Co. 25 Albourg Min. Co. 26 Albourg Min. Co. 27 Albourg Min. Co. 27 Albourg Min. Co. 27 Albourg Min. Co. 27 Albourg Min. Co. 28 Albourg Min. Co. 27 Albourg Min. Co. 28 Albourg Min. Co. 27 Albourg Min. Co. 28 Albourg Min. Co. 2 Hubber 42 Wimers Union Paulio 48 Wimers Windows 19 Windows 19 Windows 19 Windows 19 William Land 19 Wolfan Wolfan 19 Wolfan 19

BALTIMORS, Dec. 30.—Clearings, 83.00.
606; balances, \$533.885.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Clearings, \$20.307.400; balances, \$1.381.791; posted exchange, \$4.82½; \$(2.488½; New York exchange, \$4.82½; \$(2.48 33% market was quite featureless. Large Bra-89 zillan receipts were offset by increased 7½ American warehouse deliveries. The mar-31 ket closed firm at a net gain of from 5 to 35½ 10 points; sales were 10,550 bags, including; 35½ January, \$6.05; March, \$6.2026.25; May, \$6.30 2½ 26.55; July \$6.45; August, \$6.50; September, 17 \$6.5026.55. Spot. Rio. steady; No. 7, in-42½ voice, 7c; No. 7, jobbing, 7½c. Mild, steady; \$1 Cordova, \$62124c.

15s Glucose Sugar 952 do pfd.... 952 Inter, Paper ... 954 do pfd.... 952 Laclede Gas ...

27: Laciede Gas 104 National Biscutt 214 do ofd 175 National Lead 174 do pfd 174 National Steel 174 National Steel 174 Optional Steel

Reading do 1st pfd do 2d pfd. Rto G. W do pfd. St. L. & S. F.

Oil Market.

Oil. CITY. Pa., Dec. 39.—Oil.S—Credit balances. \$1.96; certificates, no bid: runs and saipments, not reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 39.—Oil.S—Petroleum, steady: refined New York, \$9.90; Philadelphia and Baltimore, \$9.85; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, \$7.29. Rosin, quiet: strained, common to good, \$1.45. Turpentine, steady, 511-262.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 39.—Oil.S—Cottonseed, Hull refined, December and April, strong, 188 6d. Turpentine spirits, steady, 388. Rosin, common, firm, 48 6d. Petroleum, refined, 75gd. Linseed, 23s.

London Woo! Imports.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—WOOL—The arrivals of wool for the first series of the 1990 wool auction sales amount to 123,924 bales, including 40,990 forwarded direct. The imports of wool during the week were as follows: New South Wales, 6,947 bales; Queensland, 5,145; Victoria, 3,062; South Australia, 3429; West Australia, 204; New Zealand, 2,016; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 7,619; elsewhere, 394.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Evaporated apples were quiet but firm at unchanged prices; state evaporated apples, common, 6%6%c; prime, 6%17c; choice, 7%68%c; fancy, 8½26c, California dried prunes, 3½68c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 13%15c; Moor Park, 15%18c, Peaches, peeled, 23%22c; unpeeled, 7½%10c.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS ARE GOOD SELLERS

[1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893

| 1856, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1896, 1894, 1893, | 1804, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1894, 1893, 1894, 1893, | 1804, 1808, 1807, 1808, 1807, 1808, 1807, 1808, 1807, 1808, 1807, 1808, 1807, 1808, 1807, 1808,

Cattle, Hogs, Sh'p.

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while the supply is small. Representative

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Light Receipts of Cattle, as Usual at the

End of the Week.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS ARE GOOD SELLERS

Fair Supply of Hogs-Prices Two and a Hall Cents Lower Than Priday, "General Quotations—Sheep Are Scarce.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 20.

Receipts were: Cattle Hogs Sheep Official Thursday 2.251 6.458 2.250 6.465 2.366 6.005 2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Week's Decline in Cattle Regained, Week's Decline in Cattle Regained, but Hogs Are Lower.
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Market firm, with decline of the week generally regained; Texas beeves in good demand; good to choice. \$3.3566.50, poor to medium. \$4.1566.25; mixed stockers, \$2.9063.55; selected feeders. \$4.2564.85; good to choice cows. \$2.4064.90; helfers. \$3.064.90; canners. \$2.0663.10; buils. \$2.8064.50; calves, \$4.0067.35; fed Texas beeves. \$4.2565.35.
HOGS—About 5c lower, fair clearance; mixed and butchers. \$4.064.40; good to HOGS—About 5c lower, fair clearance; mixed and butchers, \$4.1094.40; good to choice heavy, \$4.2094.43; rough heavy, \$4.05, 4.15; light, \$4.0594.35; bulk of sales, \$4.200

4.30.
SHEEP AND LAMBS-About steady; good clearances; native wethers, \$1.1544.55; lambs, \$4.0925.55; western wethers, \$4.1046.466; western lambs, \$5.2545.75.
RECUEITTS-Cattle, 300 head; hogs, 28,000 head; sheep, 1,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; supply too light to make a market; week's business more or less unsettled by holiday conditions; heavy native steers, \$5,2506.15; lightweights, \$1,5006.00; stockers and feeders, \$1,30075.00; cannors, \$2,4003.15; fed westerns, \$4,00075.50; western feeders, \$4,55004.50; Texans, \$4,5004.50. feeders, \$4.25004.50; Texans, \$4.5004.85. HOGS-Recolpts, 300 head; trade fairly active; prices Bye lower; light supply this week caused an advance of about 20c; heavy and mixed, \$4.2004.30; light, \$4.17597 4.25, pigs, \$3.50073.50. SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts for the week, 9.000 head; offerings of all kinds too light to satisfy demands and advanced about 25c; lambs, \$4.7505.50; muttons, \$4.00 \$74.55; feeding lambs, \$4.2504.50; feeding sheep, \$3.2502.75; stockers, \$2.7503.50; culls, \$1.5003.00.

ST. LOUIS. Dec. 30.—CATTLE—Receipts. 700 head, including 350 head Texans; market steady; native slipping and export steers, \$4.7569.50; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.0665.50; steers under 1.000 lbs., \$1.2064.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.0064.50; cows and helfers, \$2.00@4.35; canners, \$1.50@3.00; s helfers, \$2.0074.35; canners, \$1.5093.00; bulls, \$2.6094.00; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.459 b.15; cows and helfers, \$3.0093.75.

HOGS — Receipts, 5.400 head; market steady on best; a shade easier on others; pigs and light, \$4.2094.40; packers, \$4.2094.435; butchers, \$4.2094.425;

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 300 head; market slow and steady; native muttons, \$3.5594.50; lambs, \$4.5595.85; culls and bucks, \$2.5094.00; stockers, \$2.5092.75.

New York Live Stock. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,119 head; no trading; feeling steady; cables steady; shipments, 1,122 head cattle and 6.05 quarters of beef. CALVES Receipts, 51 head; steady; good veals, \$8.50@8.75; barn yard calves, \$2.55 SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 4.50) head; sheep, dull; lambs, steady to 19c lower; sheep, \$3.00@4.25; lambs, \$5.50@8.15; Carada lambs, \$6; calls, \$4.00@4.50. HOGS-Receipts, 2.482 head; firm at \$4.60%

Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 30: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, 573 5,455 698
 Cattle.
 Hogs.
 Sheep.

 South Omaha
 573
 5,455
 698

 Chicago
 300
 26,000
 1,000

 Kansas City
 100
 300

 St. Louis
 700
 5,400
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Furnace-Made Graphite. Inventor A. G. Acheson, a pupil of Edison. as completed a factory for the manufacture of graphite in large quantities, and to do it by nature's own process-by heat equal in intensity to that of a volcano crater. The the enterprise is the utilization for the graphite making of a waste product from the coke regions of Pennsylvania. In the western part of that state there are mountainous heaps of dust which the cokers have raked from their ovens and cast uside as having no value. Mr. Acheson found in his early experiments that the best graphite could be made from coke which was not entirely pure and he found that this waste material could be better utilized than pure

Mr. Acheson's furnaces are not constructed on the principle of the arc lamp, but follow rather the theory of the incandescent lamp, with the development of which the inventor had so much to do. The electric current is introduced into each end of a huge brick bax sixteen feet long, nine feet wide and nearly six feet high. It then penetrates a cone or channel of coke dust supported by surrounding masses of a mixture of coke, sand and sawdust. This cone corresponds to the filament of an incandescent lamp, the resistelectrical current producing a high degree of heat. Indeed, after the current has been turned on for a time the entire cone glows white, melting every substanc which is placed near it, including carbon, the most refractory of all known substances. It is in a furnace of this kind that carbide of silicon is made; it is also in an electrical furnace that calcium carbide, the basis of accivlene gas, is made, and Mr. Acheson will use a modification of this furnace for the manu-

Washington Star: "I wish this man Roberts could have remained at home and attended to his own affairs," said the sultan of Sulu, impatiently.
"I don't see how he affects you,"
"Of course you don't. You don't know what it is to have several dozen wives nagging at you and saying they don't see why you can't be sent to congress and get your name in the papers."

name in the papers."
Wages.

Detroit Journal: The wages of sin were death, and the walking delegate had dropped up to see about a raise,
"I don't know," replied Sin, personified for the occasion, "why wages should be increased. I have a full complement of hands working day and night, and I have no fears for the future."

One thing exemed certain; there was nothing to arbitrate.



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